

REMARKS

This communication is intended to be fully responsive to the Office Action dated May 5, 2004. In that Office Action, claims 1-7 and 9-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morita (USP 6088200), in view of Ottesen et al. (USP 6288856). Further, claims 14-19 were indicated as allowable, and claim 8 was objected to, but was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of claim 1.

With this amendment, claims 2, 5 and 8 have been cancelled, and the limitations of claim 8 have been amended into independent claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that claim 1 now be indicated as allowable and a notice to that effect. Further, claim 9 has been amended to include limitations similar in scope to now cancelled claim 8. Applicant believes this amendment places independent claim 9 in a condition for allowance, and respectfully requests a notice to that effect.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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